



## Department of Homeland Security Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report for 27 January 2009

Current Nationwide  
Threat Level is



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- According to Canwest News Service, nearly 60,000 turkeys from a British Columbia farm will be killed after Saturday's positive test result for avian flu. (See item [19](#))
- IDG News Service reports that Monster.com is advising its users to change their passwords after the company recently learned that its database had been illegally accessed. (See item [31](#))

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## **Energy Sector**

**Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels:** Physical: ELEVATED,  
Cyber: ELEVATED

Scale: LOW, GUARDED, ELEVATED, HIGH, SEVERE [Source: ISAC for the Electricity Sector (ES-ISAC) – <http://www.esisac.com>]

1. *January 26, Washington Post* – (Virginia) **Driver charged in truck crash on Dulles Greenway.** The Dulles Greenway was closed for the first part of the morning's rush hour after a tractor-trailer overturned and spilled diesel fuel onto the road. The incident occurred about 2 a.m. when a westbound tanker truck ran off the left side of the road and overturned in the median, Virginia State Police said. The driver of the truck was charged with reckless driving. The crash ruptured the truck's tank, which was carrying a load of 7,500 gallons of diesel fuel. Hazardous materials crews from Loudoun County Fire and Rescue worked at the accident scene to contain the fuel leakage, aided by a hazardous materials recovery company. The amount of leaked fuel was not immediately available, but one official said the spill involved hundreds of gallons. A Loudoun County official said the incident had been contained and does not pose any risk to the public.

Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/01/26/AR2009012600601.html?hpid=artslot>

2. *January 26, Platts* – (New Mexico) **U.S. EPA board agrees to review Desert Rock power plant permit.** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Appeals Board late last week told environmental groups and the State of New Mexico that it would review the agency's decision granting an air permit for the proposed Desert Rock coal-fired power plant near Farmington, New Mexico. In a January 22 decision, the board said it would review EPA's approval because it was presented with "a number of significant regional interests, with potential tribal and interstate implications." The objections to the planned 1,500-mw Desert Rock plant typify the current dilemma facing developers of coal-fired power plants. Longer permitting processes and lengthy litigation add years to plant development times, raising costs. The EPA board also said it would stay or suspend any further decisions on the question of whether, or if, the Desert Rock facility must use the best available control technology to cut carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions. The board made that decision after Region 9, the office that issued the permit, decided to remove information from the permit that outlined its reasons for not controlling CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. Region 9 said it withdrew that section of the permit so it could obtain additional analyses, notice, and comment.

Source:

<http://www.platts.com/Coal/News/8309570.xml?sub=Coal&p=Coal/News&?undefined&undefined>

3. *January 26, Bloomberg* – (International) **French storm leaves electricity, phones disrupted.** At least 518,000 French households were still without power on January 26 following a storm that struck southwest France and northern Spain two days ago. Electricite de France SA, the state-controlled power company, has 3,000 workers in the region restoring cables and pylons damaged by winds exceeding 93 miles an hour, it said on its Web site. At one point, 1.7 million homes lacked power. Réseau de Transport d'Electricite, the state-controlled utility's grid operator, predicted that it would take until January 29 to get the network back to normal operations. The weather revived debate in France about whether power transmission lines should run underground.

Source:

<http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601072&sid=azixDTR7SsJM&refer=energy>

4. *January 24, Standard Democrat* – (Missouri) **Sikeston probing cause of circuit breaker explosion.** Sikeston Board of Municipal Utilities (BMU) officials are still working to determine what caused the January 21 evening fire at a substation in Sikeston, Missouri. Shortly after 8 p.m. on January 21, a circuit breaker at the substation blew up, causing roughly half of the city to lose power. "We really don't know what caused the explosion," said an operations manager for BMU. "We believe it was some sort of mechanical failure inside the breaker, but we are still investigating the cause of the whole problem." The manager said power was restored to most of BMU's customers within the hour and all power had been restored by 4:10 a.m. "It may take several days before we trace the actual cause down," he said. "There's some major damage out there."

Thank goodness it wasn't in a location that totally incapacitated the station."

Source: <http://www.semissourian.com/article/20090124/NEWS01/701249996>

5. *January 24, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* – (Pennsylvania) **Man injured during Greene County explosion.** One man was injured in an explosion during the morning of January 23 at a natural gas well in the eastern part of Greene County. The man, whose name was not released, was flown by helicopter to a hospital. His condition was not immediately available. The explosion was reported at 9:40 a.m. at a site along Route 88 in Cumberland, according to emergency dispatchers. No other injuries were reported. The cause of the explosion is under investigation. A spokeswoman for the state Department of Environmental Protection said the explosion occurred when something on a truck malfunctioned near the gas well. The well itself did not explode and was not affected, she said.

Source: <http://www.post-gazette.com/pg/09024/944214-55.stm>

6. *January 24, Norwich Bulletin* – (Connecticut) **Voluntown: Leaking propane truck forces evacuation.** In Voluntown, Connecticut, eighteen residents of Pendleton Hill Road were evacuated from their homes on the morning of January 24 after a propane delivery truck traveling on the Voluntown road began to leak. The Voluntown fire chief said the driver of the Amerigas truck heard a "clunk" and immediately pulled over and called 911. Voluntown firefighters responded. The chief said a problem with the truck's drive shaft had caused the rig to leak. It was carrying about 2,350 gallons of propane. He said he immediately activated the Southeastern Connecticut Hazardous Materials Team, bringing hazmat units from several departments throughout the region and representatives of the state Department of Environmental Protection. He said a special team was able to approach the leaking truck at about 10 a.m. and secured a valve on the rig that halted the leak. The incident was reported under control about ten minutes later and all residents were allowed to return to their homes. Hazmat units from Norwich, the Mohegan, and Mashantucket Tribal fire departments, the U.S. Submarine Base, and the Waterford and New London fire departments were dispatched to the scene, along with firefighters and apparatus from the Griswold and Preston City fire departments.

Source: <http://www.norwichbulletin.com/news/x716054384/Voluntown-Leaking-propane-truck-forces-evacuation>

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## **Chemical Industry Sector**

7. *January 26, Associated Press* – (Delaware) **DuPont plan for waste site approved.** Delaware regulators have approved a DuPont plan to permanently seal in waste at a site along the Delaware River rather than haul it away. Some groups have called on the chemical giant to remove the waste from its Edge Moor pigment plant in east Wilmington. The company has said excavation and hauling would create more public exposure to the waste and increase costs. The DuPont plan was approved on January 23 by the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control and is still subject to appeal.

Source: <http://www.wdel.com/story.php?id=304858376000>

## **Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector**

8. *January 23, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission* – (Mississippi) **Fire involving radiography camera.** The following was provided by the State of Mississippi via e-mail. On January 15, the Mississippi Division of Radiological Health (DRH) was notified by the Forrest County ERC that JANX Integrity Group had an accident with one of their darkroom trucks in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. The driver for JANX struck a tree off the side of the interstate causing the vehicle to catch fire. The driver then left the scene of the accident. The radiography camera was not discovered until the fire department saw a 'Caution Radiation Area' sign in the bed of the darkroom truck after extinguishing the fire. Surveys were conducted by firefighter personnel for their safety and to pinpoint the location of the radioactive device in the darkroom truck. The Forrest County ERC contacted an industrial radiography company and licensee located in Hattiesburg to take possession of the camera and secure it in their storage vault. JANX retrieved the radiography camera out of storage for transport back to the manufacturer to assess the damage. Swipes were taken on the camera and revealed no removable contamination. Leak test results for the source and shielding also revealed no removable contamination.

Source: <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/event-status/event/2009/20090126en.html#en44780>

9. *January 23, Platts* – (Vermont) **Entergy pleased with Vermont Yankee assessment.** Entergy says it is pleased with the results of an independent assessment of the Vermont Yankee plant. The company said January 23 that it has finished its review of the report prepared by Nuclear Safety Associates on behalf of the Vermont Department of Public Service. Entergy said it would file a formal response to state regulators by the February 6 deadline. The report, which was recently released, was prepared in accordance with a statute calling for a public assessment of the reliability of the facility, its equipment and components, and the management and organizational structure. The report's overall conclusion was that the plant is operated reliably and could run beyond the March 2012 license expiration. But it also listed several areas it considered to be challenges or "watch areas," such as some human performance and procedure quality issues. At the state level, Entergy needs approval from the regulators on the Vermont Public Service Board (PSB) and from the Vermont General Assembly in order to operate the plant for an additional 20 years. The PSB has scheduled a hearing on the renewal request to begin in May.

Source:

<http://www.platts.com/Nuclear/News/7626779.xml?p=Nuclear/News&sub=Nuclear>

10. *January 23, Wilmington Star-News* – (North Carolina) **Brunswick nuclear plant experiences another glitch.** While a U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) special inspection team was at the Brunswick nuclear plant investigating a separate incident this week, the plant near Southport experienced another glitch. On January 21, the ventilation system in the control room for both nuclear reactors broke down for an

hour and a half. The special inspection team had arrived on January 20 to look into the malfunction of two of the plant's four emergency diesel generators that occurred on January 1. An NRC spokesman said the ventilation malfunction was labeled a minor safety issue and officials were able to work around the problem. "We are looking into that," he said, noting the commission has not determined if it will take further action.

Source:

[http://www.starnewsonline.com/article/20090123/ARTICLES/901230303?Title=Brunswick Nuclear plant experiences another glitch](http://www.starnewsonline.com/article/20090123/ARTICLES/901230303?Title=Brunswick+Nuclear+plant+experiences+another+glitch)

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

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## **Banking and Finance Sector**

11. *January 24, Pittsburgh Tribune Review* – (National) **National phishing scam targets Sprint cell customers.** Pittsburgh police investigators warned cell phone customers on January 23 about a text-messaging scam that they say is reaching "epidemic" proportions nationwide. People are receiving text messages as part of a phishing scam, in which victims are asked for their bank account numbers and PINs, said a detective of the Computer Crimes Unit. The scam affects Sprint cell-phone customers and involves dozens of banks, police said. The scam has affected customers in dozens of states, including New York, Michigan, Missouri, and Texas, police said.  
Source: <http://hdvoice.tmcnet.com/news/2009/01/24/3937014.htm>
12. *January 23, Idaho Press Tribune* – (Idaho; Oregon) **Idaho attorney general warns of text message scam.** The Idaho attorney general warned consumers not to respond to text messages claiming to be from Bank of the Cascades. Idaho consumers have been contacting the attorney general's consumer protection division to report suspicious text messages, purporting to be from Bank of the Cascades. But Bank of the Cascades is not sending the messages. "Bank of the Cascades does not contact customers by text messaging," the bank president said. "The criminals involved in this activity are sending messages to random cell phone numbers. They do not know who is a customer of the bank and who is not. None of the bank's security systems have been breached and, as long as the consumer has not responded, there is no danger to their account." The text messages ask customers, as part of a "protection program," to call a telephone number "to verify your account info." Consumers who call the telephone number reach a recorded message that asks them to enter their credit card number. The bank's security division believes this scam is coming from outside the United States. A scam text message purporting to be from Bank of the Cascades also popped up on cell phones across the Rogue Valley in Oregon.

Source: <http://www.idahopress.com/news/?id=19072>

See also:

<http://www.mailtribune.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20090123/NEWS/901230330>

13. *January 23, CNNMoney* – (California) **FDIC closes 1st Centennial Bank.** California banking officials closed the 1st Centennial Bank on January 23, the FDIC said; in announcing the third bank failure this year. The bank, which has just six branches, will be purchased by First California Bank of Westlake Village, California, the FDIC said. As of January 9, 2009, 1st Centennial had total assets of \$803.3 million and total deposits of \$676.9 million. Approximately \$12.8 million of that exceeded the insurance limits, the FDIC said.

Source:

[http://money.cnn.com/2009/01/23/news/companies/fdic\\_1stcentennial.reut/index.htm](http://money.cnn.com/2009/01/23/news/companies/fdic_1stcentennial.reut/index.htm)

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## **Transportation Sector**

14. *January 25, Aviation Week* – (National) **US Airways' A330s slated to test ADS-B.** US Airways plans to use its long-haul Airbus A330 fleet in a new Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) trial that is expected to bring the benefits of satellite-based navigation links to congested Northeast airspace and transatlantic routes. The US Airways project is the most ambitious step yet in a wider FAA initiative to fund avionics upgrades in selected airline fleets. These early deployments are geared toward demonstrating the effectiveness of systems vital to the FAA's NextGen modernization effort, and providing operational data needed by the agency. In the latest trial, automatic dependent surveillance-broadcast (ADS-B) will be used in up to 20 Airbus A330s, initially at the US Airways hub at Philadelphia International Airport and then at Charlotte (North Carolina) Douglas International. Cargo carrier United Parcel Service (UPS) will also be involved at Philadelphia, as it has already been working on ADS-B projects with the FAA at its Louisville, Kentucky, base. UPS has equipped many of its Boeing 757 and 767 aircraft with the necessary upgrades. US Airways will retrofit the nine A330-300s it has in its fleet for ADS-B, and the A330-200s it has on order will be equipped as they arrive. The A330s will use both "ADS-B In" and "ADS-B Out," meaning they will have the ability to transmit their own position as well as to receive information from other aircraft. The FAA would like to establish more NextGen-related partnerships with airlines, if appropriate funding is secured, according to the FAA's senior vice president for NextGen and Operations Planning.

Source:

[http://www.aviationweek.com/aw/generic/story\\_generic.jsp?channel=awst&id=news/aw012609p3.xml&headline=US%20Airways%27%20A330s%20Slated%20to%20Test%20ADS-B](http://www.aviationweek.com/aw/generic/story_generic.jsp?channel=awst&id=news/aw012609p3.xml&headline=US%20Airways%27%20A330s%20Slated%20to%20Test%20ADS-B)

15. *January 25, Orlando Sentinel* – (Florida) **JetBlue plane aborts takeoff from Orlando after apparent bird strike.** A JetBlue Airways Airbus A320 aborted its takeoff from Orlando International Airport on Saturday morning after the crew thought it hit a flock of birds. The incident took place before the plane left the runway. "As the pilot was accelerating, there was a bird or a flock of birds that made contact with the aircraft," said a JetBlue spokeswoman. "The captain and co-pilot did not know if it had hit the



engine or both engines. They elected to abort takeoff and return to the gate, which they did under their own power.” It was not clear whether either of the engines had been hit. As of late Saturday the plane was still undergoing inspection.

Source: <http://www.orlandosentinel.com/business/custom/tourism/orl-birds2509jan25,0,7779594.story>

16. *January 25, Associated Press* – (Texas) **Bridge shut down after hoax bomb.** A U.S.-Mexico border bridge was shut down for about two hours after authorities responded to a report of a suspicious package and later discovered it was a “hoax device.” Authorities said a transient spotted the package near a trash bin under the bridge on Saturday morning and notified Border Patrol agents. The device could have been planted to make people believe it was a bomb, a spokeswoman for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) told the Associated Press. “Or it could be that it was some kind of training device,” she said. “It could have been some law-enforcement entity used it as a training device and threw it away. We have to treat it as a threat and investigate it to its fullest.” Laredo police used a robot to examine the package. The bomb-defusing robot shot the package with a high-powered water cannon, blowing it to pieces and exposing the device inside, said a police spokesman. It did not detonate. “When we got up close, we realized it was a hoax device,” the ATF spokeswoman told the Laredo Morning Times. “In other words, it did not contain explosives. It was basically road flares.”

Source: <http://www.chron.com/disp/story.mpl/ap/tx/6229798.html>

17. *January 25, Associated Press* – (Colorado) **Plane returns to Denver airport after takeoff.** A Frontier Airlines plane returned to Denver International Airport after taking off Sunday because of engine trouble. A Frontier spokesman said the Las Vegas-bound plane carrying about 126 passengers landed safely and no one was injured. Flight 765 was canceled as was the return Las Vegas-to-Denver flight. The spokesman said the airline was working to get passengers on other flights. It is not known yet what caused the problem in one of the plane’s engines.

Source: [http://www.examiner.com/a-1814429~Plane\\_returns\\_to\\_Denver\\_airport\\_after\\_takeoff.html](http://www.examiner.com/a-1814429~Plane_returns_to_Denver_airport_after_takeoff.html)

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## **Agriculture and Food Sector**

18. *January 26, United Press International* – (National) **Dessert sauces recalled.** Those who bought seven dessert sauces produced by Stonewall Kitchen LLC of York, Maine, are being urged by a federal food watchdog agency not to eat them. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration announced the voluntary recall, saying the sauces might contain

Clostridium botulinum, a bacterium that can cause life-threatening illness or death. Being recalled are all lots of Stonewall Kitchen-brand chocolate hazelnut, chocolate peanut butter, coffee caramel, dulce de leche, and espresso dulce de leche sauces. Also being recalled are Simply Enjoy-brand coffee caramel and chocolate peanut butter sauces.

Source: [http://www.marketwatch.com/news/story/dessert-sauces-recalled/story.aspx?guid={2F5B085C-D448-4F38-BBCC-104601D6CB26}&dist=msr\\_1](http://www.marketwatch.com/news/story/dessert-sauces-recalled/story.aspx?guid={2F5B085C-D448-4F38-BBCC-104601D6CB26}&dist=msr_1)

19. *January 25, Canwest News Service* – (International) **Avian flu found on BC farm; 60,000 turkeys to be killed.** Nearly 60,000 turkeys from a British Columbia farm will be killed after positive test results for avian flu. The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) confirmed the presence of H5 avian flu virus after initial tests showed the turkeys from E&H Farms, in Abbotsford, British Columbia, were infected. Abbotsford is about 43 miles southeast of Vancouver, near the U.S. border. The CFIA said further tests will be done to confirm the precise subtype of the virus; some subtypes of H5 are more virulent than others. Twenty-two farms within a 2-mile radius of E&H Farms have been under quarantine since January 21. “In order to limit any potential virus spread, the CFIA is applying restrictions on the movement of poultry and poultry products within three kilometers of the infected premises,” said the CFIA news release. Any recent movement of birds, bird products, and equipment involving the infected property will be probed by the CFIA, which is also conducting a thorough epidemiological investigation of the farm.

Source: <http://www.nationalpost.com/news/story.html?id=1216692>

20. *January 25, Computerworld* – (International) **Food poisoning outbreaks could prove a boon to RFID.** Recent national outbreaks of E.coli and salmonella poisoning are likely to prompt government mandates requiring that food products be tracked throughout their life cycles — and that could prove to be a boon for radio frequency identification (RFID) technologies. The new mandates would come just as other first-generation track-and-trace tools start to spread through the pharmaceutical industry, which was the first to face such government mandates, analysts said. An analyst at Forrester Research Inc. suggested that the advantages of RFID — such as ease of use, the ability to track individual products packed in crates and the ability to scan from significant distances — have so far been overshadowed by the technology’s high price tag. According to a Forrester study, a multibillion-dollar manufacturer can expect to spend \$2 billion to \$3 billion in start-up costs to implement RFID. An analyst at ABI Research in Oyster Bay, New York, agreed that RFID technology is the best fit for product-tracking systems. However, he added that widespread adoption will not occur unless the technology is required by state and federal legislation. “A bar code label is a bar code label,” the analyst said. “RFID tags have more punch behind them. That tag can have additional capabilities, like temperature logging and pressure sensing. If you are talking about food safety, then temperature becomes very important. That is where the value proposition starts to increase.”

Source:

<http://computerworld.com/action/article.do?command=viewArticleBasic&taxonomyNa>



21. *January 24, Reuters* – (Minnesota) **Salmonella death in Minnesota brings U.S. total to 7.** The number of deaths related to the U.S. outbreak of salmonella has risen to seven with the death of a Minnesota woman in her 80s. The woman had been living in a long-term care facility, a spokesman for the Minnesota Department of Health said on January 24. The spokesman said he did not know if the woman had eaten peanut butter. Several products containing peanut butter have been recalled as the U.S. government investigates the outbreak of salmonella food poisoning. On January 21, federal officials said the sole source of the U.S. salmonella outbreak involving contaminated peanut butter appears to be the Peanut Corp of America's Blakely, Georgia, processing facility. More than 125 products including cookies, crackers, ice cream and even some pet foods have been recalled in connection with the outbreak, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration said. As of January 21, 491 people had been reported infected by a salmonella outbreak by public health authorities in 43 of the 50 U.S. states, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said on its website.  
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/domesticNews/idUSTRE50N1T120090124>
22. *January 23, Packer* – (International) **Canadian produce inspections going automated.** U.S. Customs and Border Protection plan to establish standard inspection protocol for fresh produce crossing the entire northern border with Canada beginning February 1, but growers-shippers in Canada do not think it will affect their exports. The action results from a March 2007 by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), which lifted the inspection exemption for Canadian-grown fruits and vegetables. Effective March 1, 2007, the removal of inspection exemptions for Canadian-grown fruits and vegetables and the user fee exemption for all commercial vessels and aircraft that enter the U.S. from Canada took effect. The removal of the exemption from commercial shipments entering the U.S. from Canada is designed to prevent the introduction of plant pests and diseases via conventional pathways or through bioterrorism. Recent inspections along the border, however, resulted in numerous interceptions of prohibited fruits, vegetables and other products originating from countries other than Canada. "It is just a growing level of trade," an APHIS spokeswoman said. "We re-evaluated inspection and quarantine activities on goods along the Canadian border that did not originate in Canada, but were brought into Canada from other countries. I would not say there was any one incident (that brought about the change in protocol)."  
Source: <http://www.thepacker.com/icms/dtaa2/content/wrapper.asp?alink=2009-133337-60.asp&style=topnews&fb>
23. *January 23, Packer* – (National) **FDA proposes third-party certification plan.** Despite some calls for mandatory third-party inspection programs for fresh produce growers, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has proceeded with a proposed plan for voluntary third-party certification programs. In the document, released January 15, the agency said the government favors voluntary certification programs "to help ensure products meet U.S. safety and security standards and to help federal agencies to target their resources more effectively." The Washington, D.C.-based Center for Science in the Public Interest

has petitioned the FDA to adopt written food safety control plans for produce growers and to consider a mandatory third-party certification system to ensure food safety plans and facilities are reviewed at least once a year. While participation in a third-party certification program by fresh produce grower-shippers is voluntary, the FDA said industry participation may provide advantages. Some of those advantages might include influencing FDA's inspection priorities and entry-admission decisions for imports. Some Industry members said they believe FDA recognition of third-party inspection programs, such as those offered by PrimusLabs and Scientific Certification Systems, would provide benefits to the produce supply chain — particularly in terms of reducing costs. Certification may also be useful during a foodborne illness outbreak, according to the FDA. One of the issues related to FDA recognition of third-party inspection programs is how third-party inspectors, including private companies, would be asked to share confidential information with FDA concerning audits on produce companies.

Source: <http://www.thepacker.com/icms/dtaa2/content/wrapper.asp?alink=2009-14433-46.asp&stype=webexclusive&fb>

24. *January 23, Packer* – (Florida) **Florida growers say full scope of damage unknown.**

Florida growers are assessing damage from three nights of subfreezing temperatures that struck central and south Florida growing regions the week of January 19. The freezes, which struck during the overnight hours of January 20-22, caused extensive damage to the Belle Glade region's winter green beans and sweet corn. The low temperatures also damaged the tops of Immokalee-area squash. Add the state's spring potatoes to the crops damaged by the bitterly cold temperatures of January 22. In Belle Glade, initial damage reports had some green beans fields suffering 80 percent to 100 percent losses. "It was a bad one which will be very devastating. The losses here are tremendous," said the president of Wilkinson-Cooper Produce Inc., which grows and ships corn and green beans. "For the next two months, the supply chain will be down by 80 percent."

Source: <http://www.thepacker.com/icms/dtaa2/content/wrapper.asp?alink=2009-163823-272.asp&stype=topstory&fb>

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## **Water Sector**

Nothing to report

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## **Public Health and Healthcare Sector**

25. *January 25, Xinhua* – (International) **SW province reports China's sixth human bird flu case in 2009.** A 29-year-old man had been confirmed as infected with bird flu in southwest China's Guizhou Province, the sixth case of human bird flu found in China this year, local authorities said Sunday. The man, who tested positive for the H5N1 strain of avian influenza, fell ill on January 15 in Guiyang City, the provincial capital. He was then sent to Guizhou Provincial People's Hospital, said a provincial health department official. The man is still in a critical condition, the official said. Guizhou has

launched an emergency response against the virus. Those who had close contact with the patient are under medical observation. No one has been found ill so far.

Source: [http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2009-01/25/content\\_10718224.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2009-01/25/content_10718224.htm)

26. *January 25, WRAL 5 Raleigh* – (North Carolina) **Hazmat teams called to Clayton plant; one injured.** Hazmat teams dealt with a chemical problem Sunday at a Clayton pharmaceutical manufacturing facility that sent a person to the hospital. Johnston County dispatch officials said that calls about the situation at the Novo Nordisk facility came in shortly after 1 a.m. An employee was using a cleaning system, containing sodium hypochlorite, to clean the vessels used to make insulin. Instead of adding more sodium hypochlorite, the employee accidentally added hydrochloric acid. Once the chemicals were mixed, the employee realized the mistake and was overcome by fumes. Dispatch officials said that hazmat teams had the chemicals contained within the 3,000 gallon cleaning system and under control before 2 a.m. No one had to be evacuated from the area.

Source: [http://www.wral.com/news/news\\_briefs/story/4395986/](http://www.wral.com/news/news_briefs/story/4395986/)

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## **Government Facilities Sector**

27. *January 26, Reuters* – (International) **U.S. embassy in Yemen says gets threat of attack.** The U.S. embassy in Yemen said Monday it had received a threat of a possible attack and urged Americans to be cautious in the Arab country that has been the scene of al Qaeda attacks against Western interests. An employee of the embassy told Reuters by telephone that the mission remained open. “The U.S. Embassy has received a threat against the embassy compound regarding a possible attack which could take place in the foreseeable future,” it said on its Web site.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/worldNews/idUSTRE50P3LW20090126>

28. *January 24, Associated Press* – (International) **WWII bombs found in U.S. embassy compound in Manila.** Construction workers accidentally unearthed about 100 bombs from World War II in the U.S. Embassy compound in the Philippine capital, but the explosives posed no immediate danger, police said Saturday. The heavily corroded mortar bombs and artillery shells will be taken to an aerial bombing range in the northern Philippines for disposal, said a senior Filipino police official. It was not immediately clear if the ordnance was American or Japanese. A U.S. Embassy spokeswoman said workers found the bombs Friday as they were digging the foundations for new visa and veterans’ facilities at the seaside embassy. Workers and staff were immediately evacuated as a safety precaution while the police bomb squad removed the explosives. Normal embassy operations resumed Saturday, said the embassy spokeswoman.

Source:

[http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5huNcwHhxppd9onXq9GR0jq81IP\\_gD95TB2J80](http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5huNcwHhxppd9onXq9GR0jq81IP_gD95TB2J80)

29. *January 24, Associated Press* – (National) **Finalists for command include**

**Malmstrom.** Malmstrom Air Force Base in Great Falls, Montana is one of six finalists to be the home of the Air Force's new Global Strike Command. The military created the command to consolidate control of the Air Force's nuclear-capable missiles and jet wings. The provisional Global Strike Command is currently housed at Bolling Air Force Base in Washington, D.C. Along with Malmstrom, candidate bases to become Global Strike Command headquarters are Barksdale Air Force Base in Louisiana, F.E. Warren in Wyoming, Minot in North Dakota, Offutt in Nebraska, and Whiteman in Missouri. A decision is expected by June. A spokeswoman for the secretary of the Air Force said Thursday that the Global Strike Command is planning on employing about 900 people, including some civilians. Site surveys will be done at each base, she said. Teams will evaluate each base for general feasibility, estimated costs, and a timetable. After the surveys and subsequent reports are completed, the team will make a recommendation. Source: <http://www.billingsgazette.net/articles/2009/01/24/news/state/35-malmstrom.txt>

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

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## **Information Technology**

30. *January 26, United Press International* – (International) **Virus strikes 15 million PCs.** A virulent computer virus has infected as many as 15 million computers around the world so far, according to various estimates. The virus — a self-replicating computer worm known as Downadup, Conficker, or Kido — spreads across computer networks using Microsoft Windows software which have not been patched or updated properly. The Independent on Sunday newspaper said in London by the weekend of January 24-25 more than 3,000 British organizations had been hit by the virus. But U.S. computer security firm Symantec noted on its blog last week that very few computers in North America had been infected, a trend which it attributed to the greater prevalence of legal and fully patched software. The Independent on Sunday said as many as 15 million computers worldwide had been infected, but most other estimates are in the 8 million to 12 million range. Helsinki-based Internet security software firm F-Secure said on its blog that infections may have peaked.

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31. *January 24, IDG News Service* – (International) **Monster.com reports theft of user data.** Monster Worldwide Inc. is advising its users to change their passwords after data, including e-mail addresses, names and phone numbers, was stolen from its database. The break-in comes just as the swelling ranks of the unemployed are turning to sites such as Monster.com to look for work. The company disclosed on its Web site that it recently learned that its database had been illegally accessed. Monster.com user IDs and

passwords were stolen, along with names, e-mail addresses, birth dates, gender, ethnicity and, in some cases, users' states of residence. The information does not include resumes or Social Security numbers, which Monster.com said it does not collect. Monster.com posted the warning about the breach on January 23 morning and does not plan to send e-mails to users about the issue, said a Monster.com spokeswoman. The SANS Internet Storm Center also posted a note about the break-in on January 23. USAJobs.com, the U.S. government Web site for federal jobs, is hosted by Monster.com and was also subject to the data theft. USAJobs.com also posted a warning about the breach. Monster.com has been checking for misuse of the stolen information but has not yet found any, said a company spokeswoman. The company has made changes since discovering the break-in but will not discuss them because it does not discuss security procedures publicly and because it is still investigating the incident, the spokeswoman said.

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## Commercial Facilities Sector

32. *January 26, Trinidad & Tobago Express* – (International) **Hilton hotel security ‘not ready’ for summits.** The president of the Estate Police Association claims that the Hilton hotel's security is not ready for the two upcoming international summits. The president said that the Hilton has been making false claims about its high level of security. He said he recently learned that the Hilton has been earmarked to house the U.S. President for the Fifth Summit of the Americas conference in April. “That hotel does not have the security that a man like the US President will require,” he said. The Estate Police Association told the Express in an interview on Thursday that a staff of 32 trained and pre-expected security officers had been reduced to just nine people, since the hotel has been methodically firing security staff and not replacing them. The president said the security strength was at its weakest right now as hotel authorities were not doing proper background checks on security and allowing “anybody and everybody” on the compound. In response to the allegations, the general manager at the Hilton

explained that hotel security has moved far beyond the patrol style security to a more evolved system. He said that the Hilton had international safety measures in place and planned to institute more in the next two months in time for the summits. “At any point in time only three people are fully aware of what is going on at the hotel regarding security,” the general manager said.

Source: [http://www.trinidadexpress.com/index.pl/article\\_news?id=161429976](http://www.trinidadexpress.com/index.pl/article_news?id=161429976)

33. *January 23, Tampa Tribune* – (Florida) **‘Behavior Detection’ experts to boost Super Bowl security.** For the first time, the Transportation Security Administration’s (TSA) “Behavior Detection Officers” are enhancing security at the championship event by watching people for combinations of suspicious behavior. These officers do not have the power to arrest but are uniformed behavioral experts, federal security director for the TSA’s Tampa office said. The TSA and the U.S. Secret Service trained about 70 Tampa police officers and Hillsborough County sheriff’s deputies working the event in their techniques. The federal security director described them as “telltale signs of people about to engage in wrongdoing” based on the Israeli security system. Each behavior, such as profuse sweating, could be innocent on its own but raises eyebrows when coupled with other behaviors, he said. The officers evaluate the behaviors on a point system and approach a person for a chat to determine whether there’s a need for concern, said a Tampa police representative. He added that he had visited previous Super Bowls looking for ways to mirror or improve upon security.

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## **National Monuments & Icons Sector**

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## **Dams Sector**

34. *January 26, Honolulu Advertiser* – (Hawaii) **State ended safety inspections before Hawaii dam collapsed.** Three months before the fatal collapse of the Kaloko Dam on Kaua’i, the state issued a notice suspending all dam safety inspections and emergency flood responses and later attempted to conceal the suspension, according to documents obtained by the Advertiser. And while the suspension was in place, state dam safety inspectors did not respond to reports of flooding near the Kaloko Dam a month before the March 14, 2006, disaster, missing a potential chance to identify problems with the dam. Memos and e-mails issued by state Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) officials paint an unflattering picture of the department’s actions leading up to tragedy, which killed seven people and caused millions of dollars in damage. In a January 26, 2006, internal memo, the DLNR’s chief engineer said he was temporarily suspending all dam inspections and emergency responses to floods due to budget constraints and lack of personnel. By law, the state is supposed to inspect all dams every



five years but the Kaloko Dam was not inspected.

Source:

<http://www.honoluluadvertiser.com/article/20090126/NEWS01/901260348/1001/localnewsfront>

35. *January 23, WVNS 59 Beckley* – (West Virginia) **Evacuation drill practiced in Charleston.** State and local leaders spent time today preparing for a worst-case scenario. Research by the Army Corps of Engineers found that a large-scale flood event could potentially cause the Bluestone Dam in Summers County to shift downstream. The Bluestone was built back in the 1940s and is currently undergoing major renovations. The Corps of Engineers gathered officials from the state and the six counties affected by the dam to come up with an emergency plan for the unlikely event that it should fail. Next month, Corps representatives will be holding a series of public meetings to explain the upgrades coming to the Bluestone Dam.

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